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11.	Maharashtra	319.13	402.43
12.	North-East	22.09	25.80
13.	Orissa	52.51	60.64
14.	Punjab	172.30	235.50
15.	Rajasthan	134.07	184.11
16.	Tamil Nadu	237.56	301.68
17.	U.P.	227.55	384.11
18.	West Bengal	44.07	48.97

Agreement with AT & T for Telecom Products

1995. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agreement has recently been signed between AT & T, one of the World's largest Telecommunication Companies and Bharat Telecom, to assemble and market a range of telecom consumer products in India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The Government has not received any proposal from AT & T or M/s. Bharat Telecom for assembling and marketing any range of consumer telecom products in India.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Survey about working hours of Rural Telephones

1996. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of rural telephones to those in urban areas and their actual numbers;

(b) whether Government have conducted any survey regarding the working hours of rural telephones in a year in comparison to that of urban telephones and the charges paid by the rural telephone subscribers;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when such survey would be conducted by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House later.

(b) The Govt. has not done any specific survey in this regard. Both urban and rural telephones work round the clock. However, the usual working hours at places chosen for providing public rural telephones are as follows:

(i) Post offices: 5 hours on the average.

(ii) Panchayat HQ: Approximately 8 hours.

(iii) Grocer's Shop Approximately 12 hours.

(iv) Franchise: More than 12 hours.

(c) Question does not arise in view of (b) above.